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SUBJ: AVIATION SECURITY: ALBONICO CASE, BEIRUT

REF: STATE 119602

1. WOMAN, 23-YEAR-OLD SWISS STUDENT NANNI ALBONICO, WAS IN PROCESS DEPARTING BEIRUT VIA MEA FLIGHT TO ZURICH MAY 5 WHEN SECURITY CHECK DETECTED BOMB MATERIALS IN HAND LUGGAGE. MATERIALS CONSISTED OF 600 GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVE, A TIMER AND A BATTERY. PRESS REPORTED TIMER SET FOR THREE HOURS AFTER FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF. ALBONICO WAS ARRESTED AND IS NOW IN CUSTODY OF LEBANESE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

2. G-2 IS TREATING MATTER AS A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CASE WITH MILITARY PROSECUTOR ASSAAD GERMANOS CONDUCTING INTERROGATION. ALBONICO'S POLITICAL AFFILIATION AND PURPOSE SUBJECT MANY CONTRADICTORY STORIES. REFTEL VERSION IS ONE. ANOTHER OPINION, BASED ON PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION, IS THAT ALBONICO IS DOUBLE-AGENT SENT BY ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM PALESTINIAN CAMPS. MATTER NOT CLEAR. G-2 ANTICIPATES HOLDING ALBONICO IN CUSTODY 6-8 WEEKS IN EFFORT DETERMINE PRECISELY HER CONNECTION AND MOTIVES.

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3. UNDER LEBANESE ANTI-TERRORISM LAW ADOPTED IN 1958, ALBONICO IF CONVICTED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY COULD BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. BEIRUT PRESS MAY 11 QUOTES GERMANOS AS SAYING ESPIONAGE CHARGES WILL NOT BE PRESSED SINCE ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL AGAINST PALESTINIANS ARE NOT ACTS DIRECTED AGAINST LEBANESE STATE.

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